

Mendon Water Commission Meeting Wednesday, July 29, 2015
Minutes Written by: Pat Vandenberg

In Attendance: Allan Kent, Dean Dalassandro and Pat Vandenberg, acting secretary
George Funari & Chris Funari and 2 Guests.

AGENDA:

Discuss potential Fire line at 55 Cape Road with Jeff Carlson
Discuss potential abatement for 28 Edward Drive with Kathleen Dreenen
Discuss potential hookup for 49 Milford Street with Chris Funari
Discuss attending November 17 Special Town Meeting & creation of an article for the
warrant to seek payment for outstanding balance to Hopedale as a bill of a prior year
Discuss status of sewer line on Bates Street
Accept May 27, 2015 meeting minutes

Meeting called to order at 7PM

Jeff Carlson and Kathleen Dreenen had not yet arrived, so we started with 49 Milford Street.

The adult entertainment area, if approved, may be located at this address. The well is intermittently dry, and the water has of iron. Gasoline is not causing problems. Dean's memory is that there was a stub brought to the property when the Milford Street water system was installed. Need to find out where the stub is; the water main is cut off after house on the right. There is an extension for Oak Creek Gardens. Pipe belongs to the town of Mendon. If hooked up, 49 Milford would be serviced as a Hopedale customer. Dean made a motion to get the details from Tim Watson and take it under advisement. When details are researched, and determined, Mendon water will approach Hopedale water. Chris & George say they need public water in the building for their employees. Need fire protection. Allan gave them a questionnaire he made up of questions he believes need to be answered for Hopedale as well as Mendon. Time sensitive for Chris & George. Letter from secretary will give them the instructions of what details need to be specified in order to get Hopedale to grant their request.

Dean believes there was formerly a hydrant there but that Tim had to borrow it to replace a broken one. We may not have any spares, but do need to replace this one.

Dean will meet with Leah on Wednesday to get the letter out to Tim Watson for more information about the current water system on Route 16 (Milford St.). Dean knows the chairman at the time the system was installed. Only issue Allan sees is 'Does Hopedale have enough water to supply this additional supply? Otherwise, both he and Dean are in favor of extending the water system.

Regarding the creation of an article for the warrant, Leah has the figures; Allan saw them. The article is to pay the rest of the balance owing Hopedale. \$6,000 has already been paid. Allan will work with Leah and the town administrator to draft the warrant article.

They are redoing the storm drains on Bates Street. Dig safe has no records for Mendon. Highway dept has a search coil – metal finder; however, it only can detect the water mains, not the copper service lines. Problem with the diagrams we have is they are listed by name of person who owned the house at the time the diagram was made (before Mendon street addresses were assigned). Date this was done is in question. Dean says there weren't a lot of houses on Bates Street at that time. Allan found something relating to water supply for Main St and the town hall that referred to 1948 which appeared to be before the Cape Rd / Bates St system was built. One of our guests, Eric Hodge who lives at 3 Bates Street and gave some background on the area water at the corner of Bellingham and Bates St. Varney is the one who brought in the connection from Bellingham to the farm South of Bellingham St on Bates Street. Eric was asking if there were any sewer system. Allan let him know that Mendon has no wastewater/sewer in the whole town. Only storm water drains exist.

Without input from Jeff Carlson or Kathleen Dreenen we can't do much about 55 Cape Road or 28 Edward Road. 55 Cape Road is an existing office building and factory structure. Apparently it used to use a lot of electricity (3-phase high voltage feed). This address is approximately the 4th house up from the restaurant.

Dean made a motion that they accept the May 27th meeting minutes; so approved.

Dean and Allan briefly discussed the purposes of the request for water hookup for 49 Milford Street. Agreed that having a hookup and a replacement hydrant would be a good thing.

If Jeff Carlson or Kathleen Dreenen want to talk to the Commission, they need to get in touch with us.

Allan announced that he will be unavailable from August 12th thru August 28th.

Dean made a motion to close the meeting. Passed at 7:40PM.